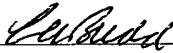


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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Requirement for Election of Species dated October 6, 2006. A five-month extension of time to respond to the Requirement for Election of Species is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

The Examiner has required election of a species of a) antibody specificity, b) additional therapeutic agent, and c) disease.


Applicants hereby elect:

- (a) an antibody which binds the $\alpha 4 \beta 7$ complex as the species of antibody specificity,
- (b) 6-mercaptopurine as the species of additional therapeutic agent, and
- (c) inflammatory bowel disease and ulcerative colitis as the species of disease.

Claims readable on the elected species are claim 1, 4-60, 62-64, and 66-68.

Respectfully submitted,

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